

22

भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIAविदेश मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRSनई दिल्ली
NEW DELHIफाईल नं०
FILE NO. W(A)/SSI/03/2014खण्ड
VOLUMEटिप्पणियां/पत्राचार
NOTES/CORRESPONDENCEविषय
SubjectRTI Applications Seeking Information
on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose &
Responseपिछले हवाले
Previous ReferenceS.No
Corr. Pages - (1-18)बाद के हवाले
Later ReferenceKeep
15/12/15

22

भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIAविदेश मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRSनई दिल्ली
NEW DELHIफाईल नं०
FILE NO. W(A)/SS1/03/2014खण्ड
VOLUMEटिप्पणियां/पत्राचार
NOTES/CORRESPONDENCE

विषय

Subject

RTI Applications Seeking Information
on Netaji Subhas chandra Bose &
Responseपिछले हवाले
Previous Referenceबाद के हवाले
Later ReferenceKeep
15/12/15

दीर्घा २०१५

(1)

ir (Europe West)

From: "USEW1" <usew1@mea.gov.in>
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 3:52 PM
To: <usew4@mea.gov.in>
Cc: <direw@mea.gov.in>
Subject: FIRST APPEAL UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT

FIRST APPEAL UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT

Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar
Director (EW) & Appellate Authority
Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)
Room No. 39A, South Block
New Delhi-110011

Madam

I vide my RTI petition dated 14.09.2013 addressed at Prime Minister's Office (PMO) sought complete information together with related documents/correspondence/file-notings on under-mentioned aspects:

1. Is it true that there are some files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose with Union government?
2. Complete information on subject-matters of all files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as available with Union government
3. Copies of complete files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
4. Complete information on action taken for making public files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
5. Copies of requests made by various persons to make files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose public
6. Complete information on action taken on requests for making public files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
7. Complete information on commissions etc constituted for enquiry into alleged death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 mentioning outcome of each of such enquiry-commissions
8. Complete information on efforts made, if any, by Indian government to trace Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (pre-independence or post-independence) after his sudden disappearance in August 1945?
9. Is it true that Indian government has/had been in some agreement with British government for handing over Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose to British-government
10. Copies of any agreements between Indian government and British government (pre-independence

3/17/2015

(2)

or post-independence) relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

11. Complete information on celebrating birth-anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose every year on 23rd January by Union and/or state-governments mainly including of West Bengal and Orissa
12. Complete information on honours awarded by Union and/or state-governments including also creating memorials or naming institutions after him in honour of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
13. Comparative chart of annual expenses for last three years made on celebrating birth/death anniversaries of departed leaders by Union government mentioning also if such expenses are made for celebrating birth-anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose also
14. Is 'Netaji' an officially designated honoured pre-fix in the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose?
15. Complete file-notings/correspondence/documents etc on honouring Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose with pre-fixed word 'Netaji' before his name
16. Any other related information
17. File-notings on movement of RTI petition

Learned CPIO at MEA (EW) where petition was transferred by PMO under section 6(3) of RTI Act vide e-mail response number WI(A)/551/02/2013 dated 09.10.2013 replied that information sought for query-numbers (8), (9) and (10) did not relate to MEA (EW). I appeal that my RTI petition may kindly be directed to be transferred/revert back under section 6(3) of RTI Act to concerned ones. Learned CPIO has mentioned about other queries. I appeal in case other queries also do not relate to MEA (EW), then these queries may also be transferred to concerned ones for response. It is prayed accordingly.

I do appreciate efforts of learned CPIO by adopting e-mail route for RTI response. I appeal that an acknowledgement of my appeal may kindly be sent through e-mail followed by appeal-order.

Humbly submitted

SUBHASH CHANDRA AGRAWAL

(Guinness Record Holder & RTI Activist)

1775 Kucha Lattushah

Dariba, Chandni Chowk

DELHI 110006 (India)

Mobile 9810033711 Fax 23254036

E-mail subhashmadhu@sify.com

Web www.subhashmadhu.com

10.10.2013

From: usew1@mea.gov.in [mailto:usew1@mea.gov.in]

3/17/2015

(3)

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:24 PM

T: subhashmadhu@sify.com

Subject: RTI application dated 14-09-2013 (received on 24-09-2013 on transfer from Prime Minister's Officer)

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
EUROPE WEST DIVISION**

No. WI(A)/551/02/2013

New Delhi, 09 October 2013

Dear Shri Agrawal,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 14-09-2013 (received on 24-09-2013 on transfer from Prime Minister's Office) seeking information regarding efforts made by Indian Government to trace Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose after his sudden disappearance in August 1945.

2. A perusal of our records shows that the information sought by you on points 8,9 and 10 in your application, is not available with Europe West Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

3. The Appellate Authority is Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi-11. Tel: 23794145; Fax: 23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in and the appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

(Srikumar Menon)

Deputy Secretary to Government of India & CPIO

Tel: 91-11-23011261

Fax: 91-11-23016476

Email: usew1@mea.gov.in

**Shri Subhash Chandra Agrawal,
1775, Kucha Lattushah,
Dariba, Chandni Chowk,
Delhi-110006
Email : subhashmadhu@sify.com**

C. Sushma
Under Secretary (EW)
Europe West Division
Ministry of External Affairs
Tel: 23011261
Fax: 23016476

3/17/2015

4

Time Bound/RTI Matter
By Post

**Ministry of External Affairs
Europe West Division**

No. WI(A)/551/01/2015

New Delhi, 4 March, 2015

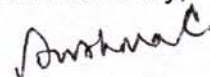
Dear Shri Anshu,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 22 December, 2014 (received by RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs on 02 February, 2015, transferred under section 6 (3) (ii) of the RTI Act, 2005 from National Archives of India) seeking information on files related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs has transferred the RTI application to Europe West Division of this Ministry on 4 February, 2015 with regard to questions 3, 4 and 5.

2. A perusal of our records available in the Europe West Division of the Ministry of External Affairs dealing with UK, France and Spain shows that the information sought by you in question 3, 4 and 5 is not available with Europe West Division.

3. The Appellate Authority is Ms. Alpana Dubey, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi-11. Tel: 23794145; Fax: 23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in and the appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,



(C. Sushma)

Under Secretary to Government of India & CPIO

Tel: 91-11-23019240

Fax: 91-11-23016476

Email: usew2@mea.gov.in

**Shri Anshu Kumar
High Court Allahabad,
23/47/112-A Kidwai Nagar,
Allapur, Allahabad
Mob: 09452635691**

Copy to: Under Secretary (RTI) w.r.t. O.M. No. RTI/551/205/2015 dated 04 February, 2015.

*O/c issued
4/3/15*



विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Time Bound/RTI Matter
By Post

EUROPE WEST DIVISION

No.WI(A)/551/01/2015

New Delhi, 3rd March, 2015

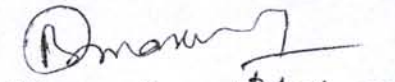
Dear Shri Anshu,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 22 December, 2014 (received by RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs on 02 February, 2015, transferred under section 6 (3) (ii) of the RTI Act, 2005 from National Archives of India) seeking information on files related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs has transferred the RTI application to Europe West Division of this Ministry on 4 February, 2015 with regard to questions 3, 4 and 5.

2. A perusal of our records available in the Europe West Division of the Ministry of External Affairs dealing with Italy, Ireland, The Netherlands and Portugal shows that the information sought by you in question 3, 4 and 5 is not available with Europe West Division.

3. The Appellate Authority is Ms. Alpana Dubey, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi-11. Tel: 23794145; Fax: 23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in and the appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,


(Raman Kumar) 3/3/15

Under Secretary to Government of India & CPIO

Tel: 91-11-23015717

Fax: 91-11-23016476

Email: usew4@mea.gov.in

Shri Anshu Kumar
High Court Allahabad,
23/47/112-A Kidwai Nagar,
Allapur, Allahabad
Mob: 09452635691

*o/c issued
4/3/15*

Copy to: Under Secretary (RTI) w.r.t. O.M. No. RTI/551/205/2015 dated 04 February, 2015.

6

Time Bound/RTI Matter
By Post

EUROPE WEST DIVISION

No.WI(A)/551/01/2015

New Delhi, 26 February, 2015

Dear Shri Anshu,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 22 December, 2014 (received by RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs on 02 February, 2015, transferred under section 6 (3) (ii) of the RTI Act, 2005 from National Archives of India) seeking information on files related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs has transferred the RTI application to Europe West Division of this Ministry on 4 February, 2015 with regard to questions 3,4 and 5.

2. A perusal of our records available in the Europe West Division of the Ministry of External Affairs dealing with Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg shows that the information sought by you in question 3, 4 and 5 is not available with Europe West Division.

3. The Appellate Authority is Ms. Alpana Dubey, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi-11. Tel: 23794145; Fax: 23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in and the appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

Abhishek Dubey
(Abhishek Dubey)

Under Secretary to Government of India & CPIO

Tel: 91-11-23019240

Fax: 91-11-23016476

Email: usew2@mea.gov.in

Shri Anshu Kumar
High Court Allahabad,
23/47/112-A Kidwai Nagar,
Allapur, Allahabad
Mob: 09452635691

Copy to: Under Secretary (RTI) w.r.t. O.M. No. RTI/551/205/2015 dated 04 February, 2015.

Room No. 2021, A – Wing,
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,
23-D Janpath, New Delhi-110011

No. RTI/551/205/2015

Dated: 04/02/2015


Office Memorandum

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Two RTI applications of Shri/Smt./Kum Anshu Kumar dated 23/01/2015 (received on 02/02/2015) are forwarded herewith for processing and responding to the applicant. The reply may be sent directly to the applicant within 30 days of receipt of application by the CPIO under intimation to the RTI Cell.

2. In case, the application does not fall under any of the under mentioned CPIO(s) jurisdiction, the same may further be transferred to the CPIO(s) in the Ministry to which the subject matter is more closely connected directly under intimation to the applicant and the RTI Cell. If no information is available it may also be conveyed directly to the applicant. In case, the subject matter does not pertain to this Ministry, the same may be communicated to the RTI Cell immediately so that the application or parts thereof can be transferred to the relevant public authority.

3. The applicant has deposited requisite RTI fee of Rs.10/-


(Meera Sisodia)
Under Secretary(RTI)
Tel: 4901 5226/4901 5227

Encl.....As above

To:-

1. AMS Division 2. BM Division 3. CE Division 4. EA Division 5. E & SA Division
6. Eurasia Division 7. EW Division 8. Gulf Division 9. Lac Division 10. Northern
Division 11. PAI Division 12. Southern Division 13. SM Division 14. West Africa
Division 15. WANA Division

Dr. Shailendra Saxena
US(UNP) & CPIO,
Room no. 0160, A Wing,
JNB, New Delhi

Shri Naba Kumar Pal
US(UNES) & CPIO,
R. No. 0117,
New Delhi-

Copy to for information:-

Shri Anshu Kumar, High Court Allahabad, 23/47/12-A Kidwai Nagar, Allpur
Allahabad. with the request to contact the above mentioned CPIO for further
information in the matter.

US(EW-CS)

8

765 / RTI Sec. 2015
Date: 22/01/2015

F.No.63-1/2015-R-III-RTI
Government of India
National Archives of India
Janpath, New Delhi - 110001

dated 23 JAN 2015

205/15

To

RTI Cell
Ministry of External Affairs
Room No. 2021, A Wing
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan
23-D, Janpath
New Delhi-110011

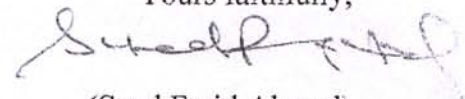
Subject: Application under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

An application dated 22/12/2014 received on 29/12/2014 from Shri Anshu Kumar on the above subject is transferred under section 6(3) (ii) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, for action as appropriate.

Application fee has been received.

Yours faithfully,



(Syed Farid Ahmed)
Assistant Director of Archives & CPIO
Government of India
Ph: 23388557/23073018

Encl: as above

At Territorial Sec.
11. dis. cons.

21/2

50/21

- UNIP
- UNES

To
The CPIO
National Archives of India
JanPath New Delhi-110001

राष्ट्रीय अभिलेखागार
National Archives of India
दि. 22/12/2014
नियंत्रण सं./Regd. No.
डायरी सं./Dir. No. 11735

Sub:- Application U/S-6(i) of Right to Information Act-2005 for
obtaining necessary information for which a postal order of
Rs-10/ bearing Sl no-23F884764 is attached to this application

Please give these information regarding **Neta Ji Subhas Chandra Bose** :

- 1 How many Files are in possession of Government of India related to above noted Neta ji Subhas Chandra Bose on 15 August-1947 and at this time ? Give details
- 2 Out of these Files How many files are declared Secret Files by the Govt. of India ? Give details
- 3 Give the names of those Countries for regarding to Foreign relation of them to India these files have to been declared secret ? Give details with the name of Country and with File Number/ name
- 4 What are the Norms, Reasons, Criteria and Ground according to which these files are declared Secret by The Govt. of India ? Give details
- 5 What is the time limit, after which this Secrecy would be removed to these Files and be opened to all Indians ? Give details

Date 22/12/2014

High Court Allahabad
Anshu Kumar
M.Sc. LL.M.
* Applicant
Anshu Kumar
M.Sc. LL.M. Advocate
High Court Allahabad
23/47/112-A Kidwai Nagar
Allapur Allahabad
Mo-09452635691

1-RIP
15-1-15

Ministry of External Affairs
(RTI Cell)Room No. 2021, A -- Wing,
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,
23-D Janpath, New Delhi-110011

10

US(AD) 12/12

No. RTI/551/205/2015

Dated: 04/02/2015

Office Memorandum

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

An RTI application of Shri/Smt./Kum Anshu Kumar dated 22/12/2014 (received on 02/02/2015 through National Archives of India) is forwarded herewith for processing and responding to the applicant. The reply may be sent directly to the applicant within 30 days of receipt of application by the CPIO under intimation to the RTI Cell.

2. In case, the application does not fall under any of the under mentioned CPIO(s) jurisdiction, the same may further be transferred to the CPIO(s) in the Ministry to which the subject matter is more closely connected directly under intimation to the applicant and the RTI Cell. If no information is available it may also be conveyed directly to the applicant. In case, the subject matter does not pertain to this Ministry, the same may be communicated to the RTI Cell immediately so that the application or parts thereof can be transferred to the relevant public authority.

3. The applicant has deposited requisite RTI fee of Rs.10/-

4. This supersedes our earlier O.M of even number dated 04/02/2015

(Meera Sisodia)

Under Secretary(RTI)

Tel: 4901 5226/4901 5227

Encl.....As above

To:-

1. AMS Division 2. BM Division 3. CE Division 4. EA Division 5. E & SA Division
6. Euresia Division 7. EW Division 8. Gulf Division 9. Lac Division 10. Northern
Division 11. PAI Division 12. Southern Division 13. SM Division 14. West Africa
Division 15. WANA Division

Dr. Shailendra Saxena
US(UNP) & CPIO,
Room no. 0160, A Wing,
JNB, New Delhi

Shri Naba Kumar Pal
US(UNES) & CPIO,
R. No. 0117,
New Delhi-

Copy to for information:-

Shri Anshu Kumar, High Court Allahabad, 23/47/12-A,
Kidwai Nagar, Allpur, Allahabad. with the request to
contact the above mentioned CPIO for further information
in the matter.

Urgent

Kindly search
for info.
as asked
in RTI.

S.O (CWO)

Please check
if there are
any file on
the subject.

S.P.S.

A file available on
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
is placed below.

US(UNP) - AD

F.No.63-1/2015-R-III-RTI
Government of India
National Archives of India
Janpath, New Delhi - 110001

765
Date: 23/01/2015
(11)

dated 23 JAN 2015

To

RTI Cell
Ministry of External Affairs
Room No. 2021, A Wing
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan
23-D, Janpath
New Delhi-110011

205/15

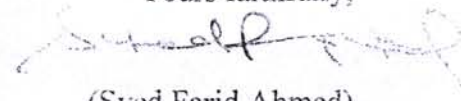
Subject: Application under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

An application dated 22/12/2014 received on 29/12/2014 from Shri Anshu Kumar on the above subject is transferred under section 6(3) (ii) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, for action as appropriate.

Application fee has been received.

Yours faithfully,



(Syed Farid Ahmed)
Assistant Director of Archives & CPIO
Government of India
Ph: 23388557/23073018

Encl: as above

By *[Signature]*
11.12.2014

AW
AP
Sd/An
- ONP
- UNES

To
The CPIO
National Archives of India
JanPath New Delhi-110001

Sub:- Application U/S-6(i) of Right to Information Act-2005 for
obtaining necessary information for which a postal order of
Rs-10/ bearing SI no-23F884764 is attached to this application

Please give these information regarding Neta Ji Subhas Chandra Bose :

- 1 How many Files are in possession of Government of India related to above noted Neta ji Subhas Chandra Bose on 15 August-1947 and at this time ? Give details
- 2 Out of these Files How many files are declared Secret Files by the Govt. of India ? Give details
- 3 Give the names of those Countries for regarding to Foreign relation of them to India these files have to been declared secret ? Give details with the name of Country and with File Number/ name
- 4 What are the Norms, Reasons, Criteria and Ground according to which these files are declared Secret by The Govt. of India ? Give details
- 5 What is the time limit, after which this Secrecy would be removed to these Files and be opened to all Indians ? Give details

Date 22/12/2014



Anshu kumar
M.Sc. LL.B. Advocate
High Court Allahabad
23/47/112-A Kidwai Nagar
Allapur Allahabad
Mo-09452635691

1-RTI
15-1-15

**Time Bound/RTI Matter
By Post**

EUROPE WEST DIVISION

No.WI(A)/551/01/2015

New Delhi, 26 February, 2015

Dear Shri Anshu,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 22 December, 2014 (received by RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs on 02 February, 2015, transferred under section 6 (3) (ii) of the RTI Act, 2005 from National Archives of India) seeking information on files related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. RTI Cell of Ministry of External Affairs has transferred the RTI application to Europe West Division of this Ministry on 4 February, 2015 with regard to questions 3,4 and 5.

2. A perusal of our records available in the Europe West Division of the Ministry of External Affairs dealing with Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg shows that the information sought by you in question 3, 4 and 5 is not available with Europe West Division.

3. The Appellate Authority is Ms. Alpana Dubey, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi-11. Tel: 23794145; Fax: 23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in and the appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

(Abhishek Dubey)
Under Secretary to Government of India & CPIO
Tel: 91-11-23019240
Fax: 91-11-23016476
Email: usew2@mea.gov.in

**Shri Anshu Kumar
High Court Allahabad,
23/47/112-A Kidwai Nagar,
Allapur, Allahabad
Mob: 09452635691**

Copy to: Under Secretary (RTI) w.r.t. O.M. No. RTI/551/205/2015 dated 04 Feburary, 2015.

Time Bound/RTI Matter**EUROPE WEST DIVISION**

No. WI(A)/551/2 /2012

New Delhi, -----October 2013

Dear Shri Agrawal,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 14-01-2013 (received on 24-09-2013 on transfer from Prime Minister's Officer) seeking information regarding efforts made by Indian Government to trace Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose after his sudden disappearance in August 1945.

2. Information available in respect of points 8,9 and 10, as sought by you in your application, is given hereunder:-

Attempts have been made in the past at the official level to find out from the British Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose available with them. The British Foreign Government's response on this matter has been that no information whatsoever is available on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The British Government have informed that "virtually all British records relating to Subhash Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library".

3. The Appellate Authority is Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi-11. Tel: 23794145; Fax: 23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in and the appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

(Srikumar Menon)
Deputy Secretary to Government of India & CPIO
Tel: 91-11-23011261
Fax: 91-11-23016476
Email: usew1@mea.gov.in

**Shri Subhash Chandra Agrawal,
1775, Kucha Lattushah,
Dariba, Chandni Chowk,
Delhi-110006
Email : subhshmadhu@sify.com**

Copy to: Shri Tanuj Shankar, Under Secretary (RTI) w.r.t. O.M. No. RTI/551/1150/2013 dated 24 September 2013.

Time Bound/RTI Matter
By Post

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
EUROPE WEST DIVISION**

No. WI(A)/551/02/2013

New Delhi, 09 October 2013

Dear Shri Agrawal,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 14-01-2013 (received on 24-09-2013 on transfer from Prime Minister's Officer) seeking information regarding efforts made by Indian Government to trace Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose after his sudden disappearance in August 1945.

2. A perusal of our records shows that the information sought by you on points 8,9 and 10 in your application, is not available with Europe West Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

3. The Appellate Authority is Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi-11. Tel: 23794145; Fax: 23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in and the appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

(Srikumar Menon)
Deputy Secretary to Government of India & CPIO
Tel: 91-11-23011261
Fax: 91-11-23016476
Email: usew1@mea.gov.in

**Shri Subhash Chandra Agrawal,
1775, Kucha Lattushah,
Dariba, Chandni Chowk,
Delhi-110006
Email : subhshmadhu@sify.com**

Copy to: Shri Tanuj Shankar, Under Secretary (RTI) w.r.t O.M. No. RTI/551/1150/2013 dated 24 September 2013.

Subject : RTI application of Shri Subhash Chandra Agrawal, seeking information relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Reference FR placed below, which is an RTI application of Shri Subhash Chandra Agrawal, dated 14-01-2013 (received on 24-09-2013 on transfer from Prime Minister's Officer) seeking information regarding efforts made by Indian Government to trace Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose after his sudden disappearance in August 1945.

2. SO(EW), who was requested to trace relevant papers on the subject has informed that there are no papers in the section relating to the points mentioned in the RTI application. However, the search effort resulted in locating an old file containing papers dating back to 2005 (file no. WI(A)/125/1/2006 placed below). A perusal of the file indicates that a response was sent to a Member of Parliament by the then MOS-EA on 5 December 2005 on the following lines:-

"Government of India have, in fact, made several efforts over the years to gain access to the relevant records from the concerned British authorities. The British authorities have informed that virtually all the records more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. However, certain documents continue to be classified and access has been denied to those documents".

3. An online search on MEA website of Parliament questions answered on the subject indicates that an unstarred Question No 1092 was answered on 1.3.2000, which, in summary, states the following:-

Attempts have been made in the past at the official level to find out from the British Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose available with them. The British Foreign Government's response on this matter has been that no information whatsoever is available on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The British Government have informed that "virtually all British records relating to Subhash Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library".

(Srikumar Menon)
Deputy Secretary (EW)
04 October 2013

Q. 1092 - Research on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

March 01, 2000

Unstarred Question No 1092

To be Answered on 1.3.2000

Research on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have requested the Russian Government to open the archives to Indian scholars researching on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;

(b) If so, whether the Government have received any response from the Russian Government in this regard;

(c) Whether some of the documents concerning Netaji kept under the custody of the U.K. Government are still denied access to scholars;

(d) If so, whether the Government have moved the concerned authorities to open up such papers to those who would like to go through these papers; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945

and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

(c), (d) & (e) The British Government have informed that "virtually all British records relating to Subhash Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library". The British Government have further informed that "the only papers which remain closed are:

1. A few papers in the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies that do not add to the substantive account in the Indian Political Intelligence organisation collection;
2. One paper from the Indian Political Intelligence organisation collection which is retained on grounds of continuing personal sensitivity".